

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 37. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	61.3	69.2	69.0	59.5	63.5	65.0
• Passed 2 subtests	15.6	13.6	18.0	20.3	18.2	17.8
• Passed 1 subtest	13.2	9.8	7.5	12.4	11.7	10.5
• Passed no subtests	9.9	7.5	5.5	7.8	6.6	6.7

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	13.0%	15.8%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	16.7%	16.9%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	20.3%	44.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	94.6%	13.0%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	78.6%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	95.3%	13.8%	
Gender			
Male	91.7%	11.3%	
Female	96.0%	14.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	90.8%	7.9%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	96.8%	17.6%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	89.3%	4.3%	
Pay for lunch	97.2%	17.4%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	79.9%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	39.1%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,679	N/A	\$5,590	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	92.2%	Up from 91.4%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	26.5 to 1	N/A	24.4 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=951)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	62.5%	N/A	33.0%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.5%	No change	95.0%	95.3%
• Retention rate	12.3%	Up from 12.0%	10.6%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=55)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.0 Days	Up from 6.4	7.7 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.7%	Up from 95.7%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	36.4%	Down from 44.2%	45.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	83.6%	Down from 94.2%	81.0%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.0%	No change	2.7%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	83.4%	Down from 85.5%	84.8%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,913	Up 3.9%	\$37,879	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.5%	Down from 2.9%	3.6%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	54.3%	N/A	57.0%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	69.5%	N/A	58.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	15.1%	Down from 17.5%	9.9%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	17	N/A	29	29
• Gifted and talented	8.3%	Down from 13.0%	6.7%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	12.4%	Up from 11.0%	11.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	6.6%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	372	N/A	449	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	28.4%	N/A	30.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a commendable year for Strom Thurmond High School. Our students have been recognized for academic excellence and improvement, artistic accomplishments, and athletic success. Our student organizations and teams are an active and integral part of our local communities through their participation in many civic activities.

We are proud to announce the following accomplishments throughout the year: *STHS received a \$10,000 award from the state of South Carolina for an SAT improvement of 77 points for the school year 1999-2000; *One senior was a National Merit Finalist, and three students were named Palmetto Fellows; *Our graduating seniors were offered \$800,000 in scholarships; *65% of all AP students earned university credit through national examinations; *94 students received college credit in seven different courses through dual credit arrangements with Piedmont Technical College and the University of South Carolina-Aiken; *Six students were recognized for All-Region or All-State band; *The Marching Rebel Regiment reached the state finals for the third consecutive year; *Seven varsity athletic teams participated in state playoff competitions; *Two of our Spanish teachers were exchange teachers from Spain who enhanced our students' cultural experiences.

We feel that there are several areas where improvement is essential if our students and school are to reach the goals that have been set. One area of concern is our students' attendance. We have utilized NOVANET and CCC in our computer labs during the month of June to assist our students who have passed their course work but did not have adequate attendance for credit to be awarded. Additionally, the mathematics achievement level for our incoming freshmen has not been appropriate for the required secondary curriculum of Algebra I or Math for the Technologies I; therefore, we are offering the entry level mathematics classes for these students on a daily basis, doubling instructional time with the goal of improving the deficient math skills to insure future success.

We at Strom Thurmond High work each day to "Preserve the Past and Shape the Future".
Chris S. Clancy, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	91.3	76.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.5	81.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	77.8	86.6	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Strom Thurmond High
1131 Columbia Road
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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 951 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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